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Contest News

40 metre Mobile Competition. A BIG ooooooops!!!
The provisional results of the 40 metre Mobile Competition, provided to me by the Boland ARC were the results for 2008. Thanks to Hans, ZS6KR, who sent me an e-mail saying he did not participate this year [proving he reads HF Happenings!]

Here are the results for the 2009 version of the 40 metre Mobile contest. Only six logs were received.

- 1st Gerhard Coetzee, ZS3TG, 488 points
- 2nd John Kramer, ZS5J, 231 points
- 3rd Mitchel Mynhaardt, ZS6YH, 168 points
- 4th Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ, 149 points
- 5th Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 136 points
- 6th Geoff Levey, ZS6GRL, 130 points

2008 CQ WW DX Phone and CW contests. Thanks to the postal strike, I received my August and September issues of CQ magazine at the same time.

The August issue carries the results of the CQ WW DX Phone contest.

Single operator

Namibia

Andrew Thomson, V51YJ, all band low power 201 564 points, 365 QSOs 59 zones and 139 countries

South Africa

Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL, all band high power, 28 756 points, 130 QSOs, 27 zones and 52 countries

Oleg Neruchev, ZS9Z, 15 metres high power, 254 520 points, 908 QSOs, 24 zones and 81 countries (operated by Oleg, ZS1OIN)

Kosie Smit, ZS1SR, 20 metres high power, 85 293 points, 300 QSOs 31 zones and 86 countries

Johan van Aarde, ZS2I, all band low power, 73 656 points, 218 QSOs, 37 zones and 87 countries

September

28 Yom Kippur; closing date QRP logs
30 Closing date IARU R1 SSB Field Day

October

ZS10WCS operated by the Oakdale ARC

1 SARL 80 Metre QSO party
4 RSGB 21/28 MHz SSB
5 Schools open; closing date Heritage Day logs
6 World Habitat Day
10 AWA Valve AM QSO Party
11 AWA Valve SSB QSO Party
12/16 IARU Region 3 Conference, New Zealand
16 Boss's Day; CQ Hou Kers; Closing date 80 metre logs
17 Deepavali; CQ Hou Kers; Jamboree on the Air; Worked all Germany
18 Jamboree on the Air; Worked all Germany
17/19 IARU Administrative Council meeting, New Zealand
22 Radio Amateur Exam
24/25 CQ WW DX Phone Contest
31 Closing date AWA logs





Schalk van Vuuren, ZS1LL, all band low power, 11 448 points, 45 QSOs, 25 zones and 29 countries

Dennis Green, ZS4BS, all band low power, 2 268 points, 43 QSOs, 13 zones and 14 countries

Single operator assisted

Peter Brown, ZS5ZZ, all band, 50 963 points, 169 QSOs, 42 zone and 71 countries

Multi-operator single transmitter

South Africa

Gary Potgieter, ZS5NK (and friends), 302 075 points, 541 QSOs, 61 zones and 154 countries

Swaziland

David Hutchinson (and friends), 3DA0DJ, 4 013 316 points, 3 249 QSOs, 108 zones and 336 countries

Multi-Operator 2 Transmitter

Bloemfontein Defence ARC, ZS9X, 8 252 200 points, 4 776 QSOs, 140 zones and 480 countries – 3rd in Africa and 9th in the world

The September issue carries the results of the CQ WW DX CW contest.

Single operator

Namibia

Andrew Thomson, V51YJ, all band low power 201 564 points, 365 QSOs 59 zones and 139 countries

South Africa

Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, all band high power, 5 796 672 points, 3 844 QSOs, 135 zones and 397 countries – 3rd in Africa

Vidi la Grange, ZS1EL, all band high power, 1 566 872 points, 1 895 QSOs, 78 zones and 214 countries

Jan Botha, ZS4JAN, 40 metres low power, 14 943 points, 120 QSOs, 14 zones and 37 countries

Zimbabwe

Z29KM, all band low power, 509 172 points, 715 QSOs, 85 zones and 196 countries

DX from Africa

Sudan, ST. Robert, S53R is now working in the Sudan and expects to be active (requested call ST2X) in late September - early October. He plans to operate CW and SSB on 80 - 10 metres. QSL via home call.





Mozambique, C9. Marco, IK1RAE, will be active as C91VM between 5 and 23 October, using SSB on 40 – 10 m. Marco plans to activate some offshore island groups (AF-061, AF-066, AF-072 and AF-088) as well. QSLs only direct via IK1RAE.

Canary Islands, EA8. Operators Jean, ON5JV and Georgette, ON6AK will be active as EA8/homecall from Tijoco Bajo, Tenerife Island (AF-004) between 20 November and 10 February 2010. Activity will be on 40 - 10 metres during their evenings. They plan to use 100 watts into a vertical 14AVQ. QSL via their home call signs, the bureau is preferred.

More Interference from Over the horizon radar

IARU Region 1 reports that the Russian over-the-horizon radar is active daily on 14,440 MHz and is producing splatter plus and minus 110 kHz.

The upper part of the 20 m band is affected, too. The location of the ABM2-radar is in the area of Smolensk. The German PTT has been informed. More information is available on their website, www.iaru-r1.org.

Pirate

The station R1FJA/p, which was repeatedly spotted on the DX Cluster over the past few days, is a pirate. The genuine R1FJA is now RL3DS, and has not been active from Franz Josef Land for many years. The only station currently active from Franz Josef Land is Victor, R1FJM.

CQ Names New "New Products" Editor, Adds Kit-Building Column

(Hicksville, NY. 29 September 2009) – CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, today announced two changes to the magazine's editorial staff, including the addition of a new column.

The new column, "Kit-Building," will be anchored by Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB, of Lincoln, Nebraska. It replaces "The Weekender," a small-project column that had been without a regular columnist since the departure of Phil Salas, AD5X, at the end of 2008. Eisenberg, a ham for more than 40 years, has been building kits and leading kit-building forums at hamfests and conventions for many years. "Kits have been with us since the beginning of our hobby," writes Joe in his debut column in the November issue of CQ, adding, "With a bag full of parts and a circuit board, we can create things that we cannot only use, but learn from and even improve on." The column will mix kit-building tips and techniques with close-up looks at building a variety of currently available kits. Joe may be reached by e-mail at k0neb@cq-amateur-radio.com.

John Wood, WV5J, of Germantown, Tennessee, has been named New Products Editor, succeeding Anthony Luscre, K8ZT, who had to step down due to increased time demands at his full-time job. John is both a long-time ham and a long-time journalist, having held a variety of positions with newspapers in Tennessee and Arkansas. John has also been a regular contributor to CQ, with his most recent article appearing in the October 2009, issue. He will continue to write occasional feature articles in addition to his monthly new products column.





John's first column will appear in the December 2009, issue. Manufacturers and marketers of products for the amateur radio market are encouraged to keep John informed when new products are released. He may be reached by mail via the CQ office in New York, or by e-mail to either wv5j@cq-amateur-radio.com or productnews@cq-amateur-radio.com.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 28 September to 5 October 2009

QRP Homebrewer Sprint

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 28 September

Mode: CW, PSK31

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power out

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with commercial equipment; 3 points per QSO with homebrew xmtr OR rcvr; 4 points per QSO with homebrew xmtr AND rcvr

Multipliers: Power: >5w: x1, 1-5 w: x7, 250 mW-1 w: x10, <250 mW: x15

States, provinces, countries once per band per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power mult * total SPC mults

Submit logs by: 26 October 2009

E-mail logs to:

w2lj@verizon.net

Mail logs to: Larry Makoski, W2LJ, 327 Clinton Place, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.njqrp.org/data/qrphomebrewersprint.html>

SARL 80 m QSO Party

17:00 - 20:00 UTC 1 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: RS, Serial No and Grid Locator or QTH

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with South African station; 15 points per QSO with non-South African station

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 16 October 2009

E-mail logs to:

zs5lp@sharksden.co.za

Mail logs to: Durban Amateur Radio Club, 17 Brownlee Place, Bluff, Durban, 4052, South Africa

Find rules at:

<http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contest/s/SARL%202009%20Contest%20Manualv3.pdf>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 2 October

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 4 October 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm>

TARA PSK Rumble Contest

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 3 October

Mode: PSK

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 m

Classes: Normal (100 w); Great (20 w); Super (5 w); SWL





Exchange: W, VE, JA and VK: Name and Call Area; Other: Name and Country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each country once per band; Each W, VE, JA and VK call area once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 October 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_score.html

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 3 October

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 5 October 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm>

German Telegraphy Contest

07:00 - 09:59 UTC 3 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 and 40 m

Classes: QRP (5 w); 5-125 w; SWL

Exchange: DL: RST and LDK; non-DL: RST

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 2 points per QSO with club station of sponsoring club (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 31 October 2009

E-mail logs to: [dtc\[at\]kontest\[dot\]de](mailto:dtc[at]kontest[dot]de)

Mail logs to: Wolfgang Schwarz, DK9VZ, In den Bleichwiesen 7, D-65779, Kelkheim, Germany

Find rules at:

http://kontest.de/dtc/DTC-Rules_e.pdf

Oceania DX Phone Contest

08:00 UTC 3 October to 08:00 UTC 4 October

Mode: Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi; SWL

Exchange: RS and Serial No

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 20 points per 160 m QSO; 10 points per 80 m QSO; 5 points per 40 m QSO; 1 point per 20 m QSO; 2 points per 15 m QSO; 3 points per 10 m QSO

Multipliers: Each prefix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 November 2009

E-mail logs to:

[ph\[at\]oceaniadxcontest\[dot\]com](mailto:ph[at]oceaniadxcontest[dot]com)

Mail logs to: Oceania DX Contest, c/o Wellington Amateur Radio Club Inc., PO Box 6464, Wellington 6030, New Zealand

Find rules at:

<http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf>

International HELL-Contest

14:00 - 16:00 UTC 3 October (80 m) and 09:00 - 11:00 UTC 4 October (40 m)

Mode: Hell

Bands: 80 and 40 m

Classes: Single Op; SWL

Exchange: RST and QSO No

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 1 point per QTC

Multipliers: Each WAE or DXCC country once; Each JA, W or VE call area once





Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points and total QTC points) x total mults

Submit logs by: 18 October 2009

E-mail logs to: dl9gs[at]darc[dot]de

Mail logs to: A.Schlendermann, DL9GS, Postfach 102201, D-44807 Bochum, Germany

Find rules at:

<http://www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport/sonder/tei-helk.htm>

California QSO Party

16:00 UTC 3 October to 21:59 UTC 4 October

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 m

Classes: Single Op – QRP, Low or High – Fixed, County Expedition, Mobile, School or Novice-Tech; Multi-Single – Fixed, County Expedition, Mobile, School or Novice-Tech; Multi-Multi – Fixed, County Expedition, Mobile, School or Novice-Tech

Max operating hours: 24 hours for single ops with 15 minute off times; 30 hours for multi-ops

Max power: HP: >200 watts; LP: 200 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: CA: Serial No. and County; non-CA: Serial No and state, VE area or country

Work stations: Once per mode per band per county

QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per CW QSO

Multipliers: CA Stations: States, VE areas once; non-CA Stations: CA counties once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 15 November 2009

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at: <http://logs.cqp.org/>

Mail logs to: NCCC, c/o Rick Eversole, N6RNO, 1225 Vienna Dr. #919, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>

EU Autumn SSB Sprint

16:00 - 19:59 UTC 3 October

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40 and 20 m

Classes: Single Op – Low or High

Max power: HP: >100 w; LP: 100 w

Exchange: your call sign, other station's call sign, Serial No and Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 18 October 2009

E-mail logs to:

[eusprint\[at\]kkn\[dot\]net](mailto:eusprint[at]kkn[dot]net)

Mail logs to: Dave Lawley, G4BUO, Carramore, Coldharbour Road, Pen-shurst, Kent TN11 8EX, England

Find rules at:

<http://www.eusprint.com/index.php?page=140&lang=g>

UBA ON CW Contest

06:00 - 10:00 UTC 4 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RS and Serial No

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station

Multipliers: Each UBA Section

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 25 October 2009

E-mail logs to: [ubaon\[at\]uba\[dot\]be](mailto:ubaon[at]uba[dot]be)

Mail logs to: Leon Welters, ON5WL, Borgstraat 80, B-2580 Beerzel, Belgium

Find rules at:

http://www.uba.be/sites/default/files/uploads/hf/other/ontest_en.pdf

RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest

07:00 - 19:00 UTC 4 October

Mode: CW and SSB

Bands: 15 and 10 m

Classes: Open - Single Op or Multi-Op – UK or Overseas; Restricted - Single

Op or Multi-Op – UK or Overseas;





QRP - Single Op or Multi-Op - UK or Overseas; SWL - UK or Overseas
Max power: Restricted: 100 watts;
QRP: 10 watts
Exchange: UK: RS(T), Serial No and UK District Code; non-UK: RS(T) and Serial No
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: UK Stations: 3 points per QSO with overseas stations; Overseas Stations: 3 points per QSO with UK stations
Multipliers: UK Stations: Each DXCC country once per band per mode (JA,

W, VE, VK, ZL and ZS call areas count as countries)
Overseas Stations: Each UK district once per band per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 19 October 2009
Upload log at:
<http://www.vhfcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>
Mail logs to: RSGB-G3UFY, 77 Ben-sham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AF, England
Find rules at:
<http://www.vhfcc.org/hfcc/rules/2009/r2128.shtml>

Next Week's Contests

ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 6 October
RSGB 80 m CW Club Sprint, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 8 October
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 9 October
YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest, 14:00 UTC 9 October to 02:00 UTC 11 October
Makrothen RTTY Contest, 00:00 - 07:59 UTC 10 October; 16:00 - 23:59 UTC 10 October and 08:00 - 15:59 UTC 11 October
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint, 00:01 - 23:59 UTC 10 October
Oceania DX CW Contest, 08:00 UTC 10 October to 08:00 UTC 11 October
Pennsylvania QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 10 October to 05:00 UTC 11 October and 13:00 - 22:00 UTC 11 October
EU Autumn CW Sprint, 16:00 - 19:59 UTC 10 October
Arizona QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 10 October to 04:00 UTC 11 October and 14:00 - 23:59 UTC 11 October
FISTS Fall Sprint, 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 10 October
North American RTTY Sprint, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 11 October
SKCC Weekend Sprint, 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 11 October
UBA ON SSB Contest, 06:00 - 10:00 UTC 11 October

This week in History

[from IRTS News]

1918 First direct radio message from the UK to Australia received by E Fisk, Sydney.

1956 First Trans Atlantic telephone cable from Scotland to Newfoundland, Canada.

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